

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 25, 2003

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FROM: G. DANIEL OJEDA, Director
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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE REMODEL AT THE VICTORVILLE
COURTHOUSE-- AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Award a \$37,580 construction contract to Callison Construction of Colton for the Public Defender Office Remodel at the Victorville Courthouse; and
2. Authorize the Architecture and Engineering Department to file the Notice of Completion after the work is 100 % complete.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently the Public Defender Office at the Victorville Courthouse does not have enough offices for the assigned staff attorneys. The existing Public Defender law library is presently being used as temporary office space for the staff attorneys. This project will convert the existing law library into a file room containing a high density file system. The existing file room will be converted into three new offices. The new offices will provide the staff with the privacy required to conduct legal matters with their clients on a daily basis.

The Architecture & Engineering Department (A&E) advertised for competitive bids in the Daily Construction Service and on the County website. Three prospective bidders attended the job walk conducted on January 27, 2003 and three bids were received on February 6, 2003: Callison Construction of Colton for \$37,580; Hi Desert Construction of Apple Valley for \$38,560; and L.A.D. Construction of Upland for \$44,636. Callison Construction was selected on the basis of submitting the lowest responsible bid.

This project is consistent with a County Administrative Office approved Capital Improvement Program request.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been coordinated with Eli Montoya, Department Contract Compliance Designee, on February 11, 2003; approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Jean-Rene Basle, Deputy County Counsel) on February 12, 2003; and reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Lynn Chacon and Mario Lara, Administrative Analysts) on February 12, 2003.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: This project was originally funded in FY 2000/01 for \$1,200,000 with subsequent additions of \$692,000 approved by the Board in FY 2001/02, bringing the project total to \$1,892,000 (construction - \$1,501,587; contingency - \$150,159; design/ project management/inspection - \$240,254). Total project budget is comprised of \$1,847,000 for the Victorville Courthouse and \$45,000 for the Public Defender Office Remodel. Victorville Courthouse expended \$1,128,028 in FY 2001/02 with the Public Defender project incurring no expenses resulting in a carryover of \$763,972. The cost of this remodel project is estimated at \$45,338 leaving a balance of \$718,634 for the Victorville Courthouse.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action to alleviate crowding and improve workplace efficiency. There is no impact on local cost.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First.

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